

IN THE CLAIMS

1-44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information processing apparatus; and

a data storage for storing first data,

wherein said processor selectively uses said first data stored in said data storage or second data stored in another data storage according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus, said other data storage being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus.

46. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 45,

wherein ~~said information processing apparatus further comprises a display, and~~ said first data and said second data are image data, and

wherein said processor selectively displays an image of said first data or an image of said second data on ~~said a~~ display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

47. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 45,

wherein the other data storage for storing said second data is a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

48. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said second data includes at least one of image data and sound data.

49. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said processor displays an image of said first data on said a display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and said processor displays an image of said second data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

50. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the other data storage for storing said second data is a portable electronic device.

51. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus comprising:
a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information processing apparatus; and
a communication unit for data communication with a plurality of data storages for storing data, at least one of said data storages being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus,
wherein said processor selectively uses said data stored in said plurality of data storages according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus.

52. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 51,

wherein ~~said information processing apparatus further comprises a display, and~~ said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, and

wherein said processor selectively displays an image of said data stored in said plurality of data storages on ~~said a~~ display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

53. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 52, wherein at least one of said plurality of data storages is a portable electronic device.

54. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 52, wherein ~~said information processing apparatus further comprises a display, and~~ said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, and
wherein said processor sequentially displays images of said data stored in said plurality of data storages on ~~said a~~ display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

55. (Previously Presented) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;

selecting data from first data stored in a data storage of said information processing apparatus and a second data stored in another data storage according to said booting program, said other data storage being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus; and

starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.

56. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 55, wherein said first data and said second data are image data, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying an image of the selected image data on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

57. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 55, wherein the other data storage for storing said second data is a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

58. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 57, wherein said second data includes at least one of image data and sound data.

59. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 57,
wherein an image of said first data is displayed on ~~said a~~ a display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and an image of said second data is displayed on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

60. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 55, wherein the other data storage for storing said second data is a portable electronic device.

61. (Previously Presented) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;
establishing data communication with a plurality of data storages for storing data;
selecting data from data stored in said plurality of data storages according to said booting program, at least one of said data storages being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus; and
starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.

62. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 61, wherein said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying an image of the selected data on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

63. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 62, wherein at least one of said plurality of data storages is a portable electronic device.

64. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 62,
wherein said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying images of said data stored in said plurality of data storages sequentially on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

65. (Previously Presented) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

transmitting boot data, to be executed according to a boot sequence by an information processing apparatus which executes a program to process data, stored in a recording medium that is removably inserted in the information processing apparatus to the information processing apparatus; and

booting the information processing apparatus according to the booting sequence based on said boot data transmitted from said recording medium.

66. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said information processing apparatus has boot execution storage means for storing the boot data to be executed according to the boot sequence as invariable boot data.

67. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said information processing apparatus has transmission data storage means for storing the boot data transmitted from said recording medium.

68. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

69. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card having control means for managing data.

70. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.

71. (Previously Presented) A recording medium for storing data, which is removably inserted in an information processing apparatus which executes a program to process data, comprising:

memory means for storing boot data to be executed according to a boot sequence by the information processing apparatus when the information processing apparatus is booted;

transmitting means for transmitting the boot data stored by said memory means to said information processing apparatus; and

control means for managing data.

72. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 71, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

73. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 71, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card for storing data generated by said information processing apparatus.

74. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 71, wherein said information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.

75. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus for processing data, with a recording medium removably inserted therein, comprising:

reading means for reading boot data, to be executed when the information processing apparatus is booted, stored in a recording medium;

boot data storage means for storing the boot data read from said recording medium; and

booting means for executing the boot data stored in said boot data storage means according to a boot sequence.

76. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 75, further comprising boot execution storage means for storing the boot data to be executed according to the boot sequence as invariable boot data.

77. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

78. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card having control means for managing data.

79. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 75, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.

80. (Previously Presented) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the step of:

executing boot data, to be executed according to a boot sequence by an information processing apparatus which executes a program to process data, stored in a recording medium that is removably inserted in the information processing apparatus, according to the boot sequence.

81. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said information processing apparatus has boot execution storage means for storing the boot data to be executed according to the boot sequence as invariable boot data.

82. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

83. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card having control means for managing data.

84. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.